

THE AMERICAN LEGION - CENTENNIAL POST 209
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JUNE 2004 - NEWSLETTER

WELCOME HOME TROOPS

Officers Comments

COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

On behalf of all the newly elected officers, I thank the membership for putting your trust in us to lead Post 209 in 2004-2005. We will do our very best to make this Post, one of, the best, if not, THE best in the state.

We already have been hard at work. The Executive Committee met on May 23, 2004 to set a preliminary program for the next 6 months, which we can modify as events locally and nationally are planned. I want to make meetings efficient, and to this end, I have asked the officers to keep their reports short and to the point. I also want our meetings to be enjoyable, so we will have guest speakers who are informative and up to date on subjects we care about. If you have ideas on what you would like to hear, and know of a speaker, please contact Jr. Vice W.W. Bandler.

June 5 will be a short business meeting so we can attend the Welcome Home The Troops Parade, scheduled to start at 10 am. There will be a reviewing stand set up on Tejon St. at Acacia Park. I hope to see all of you there.

June 12 is clean up the property day and the more hands we have, the faster the work will go. We will start at about 8:30-9 AM and go as long as it takes. Even if you can be there for only a short time, it will be a great help. There will be an ASSORTMENT of cold beverages available. If nothing else, bring a lawn chair, sit in the shade and supervise. However, if it rains, stay home and watch TV.

The July Membership meeting will be a breakfast and we will continue this format every other month

Jr. Vice Commander – W.W.Bandler

The July 10, 2004, General Membership meeting will be a breakfast starting at 9 AM. The cost is \$6.00 per person, payable to Post 209, this includes breakfast, tax and gratuity. Reservations must be received by Tuesday 6 July so we can notify TREA and they will know how much food to order and prepare. We will insure that there will be enough for any late arrivals. We are currently planning a picnic for August and more details will be provided in the July Newsletter.

Adjutant- Ann Foster

As of June 2, 2004, we have 282 members towards our goal of 285. If we could get just three more members very soon, we would reach 100%. While we won't get any awards at this time, it would be very helpful to Department for us to achieve 100% before Convention. So, please try to help us out!

As a reminder, the membership drive for 2005 will begin on July 1, 2004. As the largest veterans service organization it takes the National workers a long time to process renewals and new memberships coming into them from all over the country. The sooner you get your membership in the sooner they can get you processed ahead of others. It also helps us at the Post level, so we can concentrate on Legion programs after taking care of the memberships. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, if you have not renewed for 2004 yet we will need to remove you from the newsletter mailing list as we do not have the funds to continue mailing to those who are not helping to pay towards those costs. This will also affect your receipt of the Department newsletter and The American Legion National magazine, so please renew in order to keep up with those issues of concern to you as a veteran.

Finance Officer -Norm Moyer

Thanks for the support from Legionnaires Todd Delahanty and Chuck Zeitvogel in conducting the Finance Audit covering the past two years. It had very positive results. The audit will be finalized shortly after my return from retirement/vacation.

Reconciliation of the Ent Checking account for the past two years resulted in only insignificant minor adjustments.

Thanks to our Legionnaires for the DONATIONS to assist in covering the expenses in lieu of fund raisers and for your confidence in your Finance Officer.

Chaplain – Mario Taracena

Members reported sick or ill since last month's newsletter: None

Members passing since last month's newsletter: None

Programs Supported by Post 209

-Service to Veterans
-Veterans Day Parade
-Boy's State
-Crawford House for Homeless Veterans
-Girl's State
-Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans
-Oratorical Contest

-Pikes Peak Veteran's Council
-Post Home Vision
-Jr. ROTC
-Status on Lot owned by Post 209
-Social Events
-Scouting
-Jr. Shooting Program

Coming Events

5 June –Post General Membership meeting, TREA, 8:30 AM
12 June- Post property cleanup 9AM
12 June - Retirees' Appreciation Day, United States Air Force Academy / Arnold Hall.
17-20 June – Department of Colorado Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Pueblo.
(Room rates are \$79.00 single /double and you can call the hotel directly at 719-5642-3200.

Items of Interest

Retirees' Appreciation Day.

A Retirees' Appreciation Day will be held June 12, 2004, in Arnold Hall at the Air Force Academy. Doors will open at 8 a.m. with activities running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retirees and guests who have ID cards may enter the Academy from the North Gate and park by the Field House. Shuttle buses will run back and forth from the Field House to Arnold Hall on a regular basis. This year's program will be different than in past years in that there will be presentations in the auditorium. A free lunch will be served in the Ballroom for those wishing to participate. General Murray will be the guest speaker.

Remember, those attending will need ID cards for security purposes.

Boys State.

This year Post 209 received 19 applications representing 8 high schools. The following nine applications were forwarded to Department of Colorado as being certified and funded to attend Boys State: Brad Rice, Air Academy; Eric Chamberlain, Doherty; Mark Delarian, Co. Spgs. Christian School; Kevin Weber, Pine Creek; Myles O'Keefe, Liberty; Clinton Jeffery, Falcon; Garrett Coon, Rampart; Tim Jackson, Lewis-Palmer; Robert Billard, Jr., Air Academy. The remaining applicants were submitted as alternates and if funding or vacancies become available they will be notified.

A special thanks to Post 5 and The Tri-Lakes/Monument Sertoma Club for their financial support for two of the candidates.

OPERATION RECOGNITION

Operation Recognition is a program to award high school diplomas to deserving and qualified World War II, Korean, and Vietnam era veterans. Operation Recognition is authorized by Colorado state law and is offered by the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Association of School Boards.

Eligibility

Upon request, a board of education may award a diploma to honorably discharged veteran, or post humorously to a veteran's family member.

*Served in the United States armed forces at any time during:

- World War II: 7 December 1941-31 December 1946
- Korea: 25 June 1950 - 31 January 1955
- Vietnam: 28 February 1961 - 7 May 1975

*Left high school before graduation in order to serve in the US armed forces

*Has attained the age of sixty years old

*Has not received a high school diploma -- may hold a GED

*At the time of making the request, resides within the school district or

*At the time of leaving high school to serve in the US armed forces, resided within the School district.

Required Paperwork

*Application for World War II Veterans high school diploma

*Copy of honorable discharge papers.

Contact Post Commander Bill Marshall for other Application Information.

CUB PACK 24 We are happy to report that the booth our Pack had at the Scout Show on May 15, 2004, took First Place from among the Cub Pack booths present. Those attending the show voted. Our boys did an excellent job showing others attending how to make a leather key chain or kerchief slide they could take home with them. There will be a Planning meeting for the coming year June 6, 2004. We are looking forward to another great year for this exciting group of boys.

JR ROTC Again, this year citizenship medals and military and scholastic excellence medals were presented to the winners at the Air Force Jr ROTC group at Mitchell High School. For the Navy Jr ROTC group we work with at Widefield High School we presented citizenship medals and a rifle medal for the best shooter. The instructors and sometimes the Senior ranking cadets make the selections. This really seems to mean a lot to the cadets receiving these awards, so we hope we will be able to continue this worthwhile recognition program.

2004-2005 ADHOC COMMITTEES

Constitution & Bylaws - Neal Thomas, (719) 392-1510

Property Inventory

-Office - Ann Foster, (719) 599-8624

-Storage Unit - Larry Johnson, (719) 622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison - Bill Marshall, (719) 495-0088

Sons of The American Legion - Larry Johnson, (719) 622-0344

2004-2005 Board of Trustees

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2004-2005 Meetings

Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the Month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy. Ste. 104, at 6:30 P.M.

Post Executive Committee meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104. at 7:00 P.M.

Post 209 General Membership meets

Dates, times and location vary.

Check the newsletter or call the office for latest information.

2004-2005 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee

Commander Bill Marshall

Sr. Vice Commander Greg Andries

Jr. Vice Commander W.W. Bandler

Adjutant Ann Foster

Finance Officer Norm Moyer

Historian Penny Marshall

Sgt. at Arms Robert Rydell

Chaplain Mario Taracena

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Service Officer Tom Morant

Post Ex.Committeeman Neal Thomas

Past Commander Chuck Zeitvogel

2004-2005 AUXILIARY UNIT

President Dot Dassero

Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Johnson

Chaplain Open

Sergeant at Arms Ruth Hornick

No articles submitted for this newsletter.

June 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Post 209 -- Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Meetings	4	5 Post 209 General Membership Meeting at TREA in the Auxiliary Room
6 Boys State starts	7	8	9	10	11	12 Boys State Concludes. Property cleanup day. Vet Apprec. Day.
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18 Dept. Convention in Pueblo - <i>Starts.</i> - Newsletter articles due. for June Newsletter	19 Dept Convention in Pueblo <i>Continues</i>
20. Dept Convention in Pueblo concludes <i>Father's Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ex. Comm/Board of Trustees Mtg.	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 Reservations for breakfast due.	7	8	9	10 Post 209 Gen. Membership Mtg. TREA, 9 AM, Breakfast
11	12	13	14	15	16 Post newsletter. Items due	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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